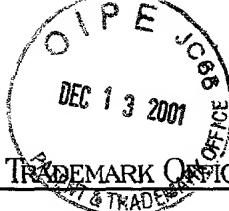




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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

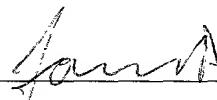
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- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$18.
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*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
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- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 858.**

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Inventors: Lisa Denney *et al.*  
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Sir:

In reply to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted," dated October 26, 2001, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17 (*in duplicate*);
2. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts;
3. Original Declaration, executed by the inventors;
4. Four (4) sheets of Corrected Drawings;
5. Our Check No. 33491 for \$858.00 to cover:  
\$710.00 Filing Fee for Patent Application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)  
\$18.00 Fee for excess claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16)  
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